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DIVING BEHAVIOUR OF GANNETS AND SHEARWATERS

Late on the evening of 4 May 1972, in a flat calm, a wide stretch of water off the southern shore of the Bay of Islands was patrolled by scattered single Gannets (*Sula bassana*) fishing mainly for anchovies and pilchards; they flew 3-5 feet above the water, shallow-diving at intervals. Several flocks of Fluttering Shearwaters (*Puffinus gavia*) were feeding normally or resting on the water, but some of the gannets were attended by a single shearwater, some by two and one by four shearwaters. These shearwaters flew below and behind, or sometimes underneath the gannet; each time the gannet dived so did the attendant shearwaters. Sometimes gannet and shearwater entered the water together, at other times the shearwaters dived a fraction ahead of the gannet, which went in on top of them; occasionally when the gannet made as if to dive but checked before actually doing so, the shearwater's momentum carried it into a brief dive followed by a quick recovery and hurried flight to catch up with the gannet.

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A PALE SHORT-TAILED SHEARWATER

An unusually pale Short-tailed Shearwater (*Puffinus tenuirostris*) was picked up on Muriwai Beach, Auckland west coast, on 12 December 1971. The following features should be noted in particular (see Figs 1 and 2): Pronounced white chin, underwing coverts off-white and underparts of body, and especially upper breast, very pale grey.

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